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DEVICE FOR TRACKING AND LOCATING OBJECTS

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Sir:

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Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 3-8 and 10-11 as follows:

- 3. (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to claim 1, characterized in that the indication system is physically independent from the tracking means (18).
- 4. (Amended) The system for tracking and locating objects according to claim 1, characterized in that

the tracking means (18) comprise means for emitting a call signal;

at least one of the transponders (16) is a passive transponder equipped with receiving means for receiving said call signal and with emitting means for emitting a response signal, the receiving means being able to extract from the signal received the energy necessary for activation of the means for emitting the response signal.